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1. The following is a list of Chinese companies which contacted the Simes (Societa Importazione ed Esportazione) firm, located at 19 Corso Rinascimento, Rome, upon recommendation of the latter firm by Giuseppe Altomare, Italian Commercial Attache in Shanghai:
 - a. Continental Oil Mill and Refinery, 4 Yuen-Nan, Tientsin, letter dated 13 October 1950, offering various qualities of vegetable oils;
 - b. Rabbit Star Trading Company Ltd., 316 Kiangse Road, Central, Shanghai, letter dated 7 October 1950, offering tea;
 - c. United Trading Company, 11 Dairen Road, Tientsin, letter dated 16 June 1950, offering vegetable oils;
 - d. L. Mina and Company, 385 Roosevelt Road, Tientsin, letter dated June 1950, offering vegetable and soya oil; and
 - e. Anchwei (probably Anhwei) Tea Company Ltd., Shanghai, letter dated 8 February 1950, offering tea.
2. The following Chinese firms did not specify in their letters the source from which they obtained the Simes address:
 - a. The China National Tea Corporation, letter dated 28 February 1950;
 - b. Yuen Nan Company, Shanghai, letter dated 17 October 1950; and
 - c. S.T. Hou and Company Ltd., Tientsin, letter dated 22 May 1950.
3. The above-mentioned firms offered tea, vegetable and soya oils. To date no transactions have taken place.
4. The director of the Socofin (Societa Commerciale Finanziaria) firm, located at 7 Via Mazzini, Milan, Bruno Mulas, has been dismissed, and allegedly will be replaced by Pietro Spinoni, a close associate of Augusto Doro, Administrator of the Simes-Nordexport group.
5. The participation of the Simes-Nordexport group in trade with Czechoslovakia is allegedly being discussed. Trade with Czechoslovakia is complicated by the fact that all operations must be on a compensation basis.
6. The Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) has ordered all of its firms to change their contracts with foreign commerce centers

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of the satellite countries, so that the commissions of the group derived from these contracts will be from four to five per cent, instead of the present commission of from three to five per cent. This change is being applied even to the most recent contracts, as for example, that with the CIECH (Polish Center of Chemical Industry). The DALSPO (Polish Center for Foodstuff) has already sent a new contract. The purpose of this change is to reduce the official profit of the firms, in order to avoid paying the most important taxes, and to make the revenue turned over to the PCI more difficult to control. The Italian exporters will allegedly wish to make greater use of checks payable to bearer or circular notes, in order to collect the commissions in their real amounts. It is difficult to foresee how the matter will be handled by the foreign trade centers. Sums due the group of Italian firms must pass through the Italian Exchange Office. Here it could be ascertained whether the satellites had been forced to pay the commission in installments, easily transferable to the PCI, or whether they had found a method which would allow the continued use of the clearing accounts for the transfers. In this case, one of the possible methods would consist in the payment of advances which would then be "forgotten" and repaid at the time of the final payment after consignment of the goods.

6. There is allegedly an increase in contact between a certain Dolfini, Rome representative of the American Commercial Company and Norditalia, both located at 66 Via del Tritone, Rome, and at 11 Via Senato, Milan, and the Polish Commercial Office. Dolfini reportedly is also in contact with a certain Marzi-Marchese (possibly Fausto) of the PCI studies office.
7. There is purportedly a disagreement between Edward Weiss, Commercial Counsellor of the Polish Embassy in Rome, and the Simes-Nordexport group. Weiss is dissatisfied with the group because they are selling Polish products at too low a price, while he, by dealing directly with the importers could obtain a higher price.
8. Rumania allegedly carries out commercial transactions chiefly through the Coesor (Compagnia Centro Orientale) firm, located at 9 Via S. Pietro all'Orto, Milan. Pietro Spinoni has been placed in the firm. Simes represents only the Prodeport firm which deals in dehydrated foodstuffs. Rumania will allegedly sell 5,000 tons of grain in Italy through the Agricola firm, which deals in agricultural products in conjunction with the Simes-Nordexport.
9. Commercial activities on behalf of Hungary are carried out by the Technoexport firm of Turin which is part of the Simes-Nordexport group. Simes has contacts only with the Magyar Kueforgalmy firm for supplying hemp.

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